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**CANDIA HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY Oct 10 2017
SMYTH MEMORIAL BUILDING**

Present: Diane Philbrick, Betty Sabean, Carmelle Druchniak, Lorraine Briand

Absent: Carol Howe, Holly Haas, Ray Creswell, Caleb Harris, Selectmen's Rep
Russell Dann

Minutes approved

Minutes from the commission's September meeting were approved with one correction. The document is posted on the town website.

Depot sign/other signage

The group continued the discussion of a Depot sign (designating this area as one of the town's points of interest). Suggestions for its placement included the nearby watering trough, on land owned by the Nevilles, or on the Plantes' property. Lorraine had contacted Phil Plante to confirm the site, but Diane will also reach out to the Nevilles.

Some discussion also focused on who would maintain the sign – keeping it free from weeds, etc.

Related to this topic was the Commission's proposal to use its remaining 2017 budget dollars for signage to mark the town's villages, specifically, the Hill.

What the sign might say (Historic Center or Centre?) and whether two signs should be erected were the focus of much discussion, which concluded with a motion that Diane contact sign maker Frank Sarra for a cost estimate for two wooden signs. The matter will then be included on the November meeting agenda.

Other business

- Betty agreed to look into the question of where the Town Pound was located, a topic that was discussed at a previous Commission meeting.
- Lorraine announced her intention to continue to serve on the Commission, and will draft a request to Selectmen to ask for re-nomination to the group.
- Carmelle was asked to draft a thank you note to Felix Shepard, a North Road resident who maintains the marker placed at the site of the former Candia Schoolhouse (which is now at Sturbridge (MA) Village Museum)

The next meeting of the Candia Heritage Commission is set for Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Smyth Memorial Building.

Respectfully submitted by Carmelle Druchniak